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SUBJECT: DETAINED AMERICAN CITIZENS

REF: A. SD 2604, B. STATE 138408, C. BURKE/AXELROD TELECON

JUNE 13

1. HAVING BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY MINENEZ OR PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY QUEZADA DESPITE SEVERAL PHONE CALLS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING - THEY WERE APPARENTLY DELAYING A RESPONSE TO MY APPROACHES UNTIL THEY GOT THE SIGNAL FROM THE PRESIDENT - I REACHED THEM BOTH THIS MORNING.

2. QUEZADA TOLD ME THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO THE PRESIDENT ABOUT OUR CONVERSATION AND THAT MY REMARKS HAD BEEN "WELL RECEIVED." QUESADA SUGGESTED I PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER WITH JIMENEZ. I THEN CALLED JIMENEZ WHO SAID, IN AN ENCOURAGING TONE, THAT THE DOMINICAN REPLY WAS UNDER PREPARATION AND I WOULD HAVE IT TODAY.

3. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REF B AND SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH BURKE, I DECIDED TO TRY TO EXPEDITE THE PROMISED DOMINICAN RESPONSE BY ADVISING JIMENEZ OF MY NEW INSTRUCTIONS. I THEREFORE CALLED JIMENEZ AGAIN AND TOLD HIM I HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO SEE THE PRESIDENT BECAUSE THE MATTER WAS OF SUCH DEEP CONCERN BUT I PREFERRED AT THIS TIME NOT TO SEEK
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SUCH AN APPOINTMENT IF I COULD BE ASSURED THAT WOULD HAVE

CONSULAR ACCESS TO THE DETAINED PUERTO RICANS TODAY. I ASKED
THEREFORE WHETHER JIMENEZ COULD INFORM ME RIGHT AWAY OF THE
SPECIFICS OF THE DOMINICAN REPLY. JIMENEZ REPLIED, "SPEAKING
UNOFFICIALLY," THAT THE DOMINICAN RESPONSE WAS NOW BEING PREPARED
IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, THAT IT WOULD BE "POSITIVE" AND THAT
THE SITUATION WOULD BE RESOLVED, BUT HE COULD GIVE ME NO FURTHER
SPECIFICS. HE AGREED HOWEVER TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO EXPEDITE
THE REPLY AND PROMISED TO CALL ME AS SOON AS HE HAD SOMETHING MORE
ON IT.
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